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Team Update...

Steering Council

Reviewed VPP Team
Operating Plan presentations.

Implementation

Developing team schedules
and funding proposal.

Application

Compiling information to
include in OSHA application.

Assessment

Developing self-assessment
checklists for operations.

Communication

Planning employee contests
and information campaigns.

Process & Procedure

Evaluating OSHA-required
records and documents.

Training

Enhancing delivery system for
OSHA-required training.

Coordination

Mobilizing organizational
support and information.

SHE Communications Team
Marshall Space Flight Center
Huntsville, Alabama

VPP Star Search

MSFC resumes drive for leading edge worker protection program

Center management has announced that MSFC will resume its drive to qualify for participation in the OSHA Voluntary Protection Program (VPP). The VPP Star is awarded only to those organizations that exhibit innovative and effective worker protection programs. Our goal is to achieve the VPP Star by spring of 2002.

MSFC SHE (Safety, Health, and Environmental) Program upgrades continued while the VPP effort was temporarily on hold. Management seeks external validation and public recognition for the achievements of the MSFC community in establishing state of the art worker protection programs.

OSHA revises VPP Star eligibility requirements

OSHA implemented new eligibility criteria for the VPP Star in January 2001. The new focus is on program management systems and processes, and teamwork with contractors.

The Core Process Requirements of the MSFC SHE Program parallel the general categories of OSHA criteria. All MSFC workers need to know the provisions of MPG 8715.1A, defining the MSFC SHE Program.

CPR 1: Management Commitment & Employee Involvement
CPR 2: System & Worksite Hazard Analysis
CPR 3: Hazard Prevention & Control
CPR 4: Safety & Health Training
CPR 5: Environmental Compliance

SHE Program logo adopted by Central and Area SHE Committees

The SHE Program at MSFC depends upon the Central and Area SHE Committees to establish related procedures and policies. Choosing between two designs proposed by the SHE Communications Team, the committees selected the logo shown below. The green cross represents safety, the medical caduceus stands for health, and the green globe is a symbol for environmentally friendly operations.

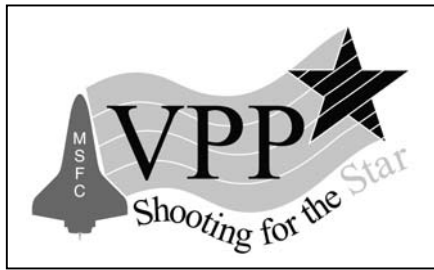


VPP Activity Teams are hard at work

Eight VPP Activity Teams were created by MSFC management to support the drive to qualify for the VPP Star. The Steering Council, chaired by Axel Roth, represents MSFC management in oversight of the VPP Activity and resource allocation.

The Implementation Team is led by Keith Cornett/XX00, VPP Project Manager, in planning team and centerwide activity needed to earn the VPP Star.

The sidebar at left summarizes current VPP Team activities.



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Self assessment of SHE Program underway

A center-wide self-assessment of SHE Program implementation and OSHA compliance began in late September. Every MSFC worker who directs the work of others will use the Supervisor Safety Web Page to complete and submit 2 assessment checklists.

Focused on individual work areas, one checklist looks at SHE program management, and the other examines OSHA compliance in office and other non-hazardous areas. In October, affected supervisors will use OSHA compliance checklists for all potentially hazardous work areas and processes. The VPP Assessment Team continues efforts to develop checklists for all such MSFC areas.

Self-assessment results will allow managers and supervisors to direct improvement efforts where needed. As corrective actions are completed in their work areas, supervisors will submit updated checklists, so that the SSWP will reflect real-time status of SHE Program implementation.

Central SHE Committee members, who head each MSFC directorate, will use SSWP data to track progress within their organizations. This data will ultimately allow them to provide the Center Director with written certification attesting to the VPP readiness of all work areas within their own organization.

Employees are encouraged to assist supervisors and provide input to this process.

VPP Organization Leads perform critical functions

The VPP Coordination Team is comprised of one representative appointed from each MSFC directorate. The appointees, called VPP Organization Leads, are responsible for coordinating all VPP implementation activities within their organizations. The Leads also work with the directorate's COTRs, to represent their contractor organizations.

Organization Leads attend twice monthly meetings, where they receive implementation updates and instructions on tasks and activities to be completed within their organizations. Directorate management personnel consult with the Leads, and assist them in planning and coordinating the timely completion of assigned action items.

VPP Organization Leads

AD: Cathy Miller	PS: Jerry Williams
CD: Judy Werner	QS: Kristie French
ED: Sonya Hutchinson	RS: Peggy Williamson
FD: Walt Schneider	SD: J.R. Blocker
LS: Audrey Robinson	TD: David Harris
MP: Darlene Garner	UP: Charlie Chesser
OS: Elia Ordonez	VS: Helen Eddleman

Ten reasons why you should want a VPP Star

- ✦ Requires hazard control programs to *exceed* OSHA requirements
- ✦ Fosters innovative approaches
- ✦ Makes your work safer
- ✦ Improves control of health hazards
- ✦ Keeps your coworkers on the job
- ✦ Increases your job knowledge
- ✦ Your safety efforts to date deserve public recognition
- ✦ Improved safety increases quality and productivity of your mission
- ✦ Our nation needs us to complete our missions successfully
- ✦ MSFC *belongs* on leading edge of worker protection technology

'Shooting for the Star' Involves Everyone

